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Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

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To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary  
Incharge of Rural Water Supply  
All States (except Goa)

**Subject: Amendment in Swajal Guidelines regarding Opening of separate Saving Bank (SB) accounts for the Implementation of Swajal Yojna in the Gram Panchayats of the aspirational districts of the State for Capital Cost and O&M cost.**

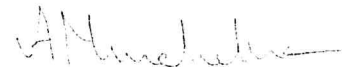
Madam/Sir

The Ministry has received the request from State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding relaxing the provisions contained at para 5(vii), 5(ix) and para 8.2 of the Swajal Guidelines August 2018 relating to opening of separate savings bank accounts at Gram Panchayat level for meeting the Capital and O&M costs for implementation of Swajal Programme in the Gram Panchayats of the aspirational districts of the State. The Government of MP has informed that in order to maintain financial discipline and transparency in fund flow, the MP Government allows opening only one bank account for every Gram Panchayat but has mandated maintaining separate ledgers for different schemes. Accordingly, the State has requested the Ministry to remove the provision of opening separate accounts to implement Swajal Programme.

The matter has been examined in this Ministry and with the approval of Competent Authority, it has been decided to accept the request of Government of Madhya Pradesh and accordingly *if the Gram Panchayat is allowed to have only one bank account by the State*, then the State can have an additional option of implementing the Swajal programme with only one bank account relaxing the requirements under para 5(vii), 5(ix) and para 8.2 of the Swajal Guidelines.

However, if the State opts for this relaxation, then it has to maintain two separate ledgers for Capital cost and O & M costs at Gram Panchayat level under Swajal programme.

Yours faithfully



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